

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Rudd et al.  
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**Art Unit:** 2666  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, for which a response is due August 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, and enter the remarks as follows.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.